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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: THE AFTERMATH OF JIMMY CARTER'S TRIP  
TO AFRICA

1. THROUGH PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO AFRICA. "THE U.S. IS TRYING TO CATCH UP WITH OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES", MANY OF WHICH ARE FORMER COLONIAL POWERS AND HAVE MANY INTERESTS IN AFRICA", WRITES JOURNALIST PASSY NDONGANI NGOMA IN KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA APRIL 12, WHILE ADDING: "THE VISIT ALSO DEMONSTRATES THAT THE U.S. IS FULLY AWARE OF THE GROWING INFLUENCE OF AFRICA IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS". ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WANTS TO GET THE U.S. OUT OF ISOLATION ONCE FOR ALL AND ENGAGE IT IN SINCERE AND LOYAL COOPERATION WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

2. BEFORE PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT, CONTINUES JOURNALIST PASSY, "AFRICANS DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE REAL AIMS OF U.S. AFRICAN POLICY REGARDING AFRICA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LIBERATION STRUGGLE". MR. PASSY INDICATES THAT THANKS TO MR. CARTER'S LAGOS SPEECH, IT IS NOW CLEAR TO AFRICA THAT THE U.S. IS COMMITTED TO MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, HUMAN RIGHTS AND AFRICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IS OPPOSED  
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TO FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTIONS IN AFRICA.

3. WE "EXPECT MUCH FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, ESPECIALLY AFTER THIS VISIT WHICH WILL CERTAINLY CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO OTHER INITIATIVES" THE PRESIDENT MIGHT TAKE, "NOT ONLY REGARDING THE CRISES WHICH ARE TEARING AFRICA APART, BUT ALSO AND ABOVE ALL CONCERNING FOREIGN

INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICAN CONFLICTS". ITEM  
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